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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Wolfgang Elser et al

Title: VARIABLE SPEED TRANSMISSION WITH AN INFINITELY VARIABLE
TOROIDAL DRIVE AND A PLANETARY SUMMARIZING GEAR
ARRANGEMENT

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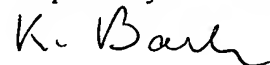
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

US 6 059 685 and DE 100 46 926 A1 have been discussed in detail in the introductory part of the application. They were also cited in the International Search Report. JP 20 00220719 A was cited during prosecution of the German application.

The claims have been amended to distinguish over these references.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6 059 685	05/09/00	Hoge et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
		100 46 926	06/07/01	DE			
		20 00220719	08/08/00	JP			Abstr only
		WO 98/39582	09/11/98	PCT			X
		197 54 146	02/08/01	DE			X
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